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GAS IN A MARINE ENVIRONMENT"

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Sir:

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**REMARKS**

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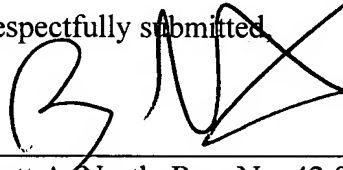
Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

**A copy of check number 015 in the amount of \$1,113 mailed to the Patent Office on November 5, 2003.** However, if this check has not been received by the Patent Office, or if this amount is insufficient, please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

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